

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:

a container ~~cut off from the atmosphere~~;

an electroluminescence element in the container; and

a drying agent in the container,

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption, and

wherein the drying agent has a porosity of 20% or more.

13.-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 12.

16. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 12.

17. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 12.

18. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 12.

19. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 12.

20. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 12.

21. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 12.

22. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 12.

23. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:
a container ~~cut off from the atmosphere~~;
an electroluminescence element in the container; and;
a drying agent in the container,
wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption;
wherein the drying agent has a porosity of 20% or more, and
wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide.

24. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises Na_2O .

25. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises CaO .

26.-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 23.

29. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 23.

30. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 23.

31. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 23.

32. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 23.

33. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 23.

34. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 23.

35. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 23.

36. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:

a container ~~cut off from the atmosphere~~;
an electroluminescence element in the container; and
a drying agent in the container,
wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption,
wherein the drying agent has a porosity of 20% or more,
wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide, and
wherein the drying agent is formed by a sol-gel method.

37. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises Na_2O .

38. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises CaO .

39.-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 36.

42. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 36.

43. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 36.

44. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 36.

45. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 36.

46. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 36.

47. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 36.

48. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 36.

49. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device comprising:
an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;
a second substrate opposed to the first substrate; and
a drying agent having a porosity of 20% or more interposed between the electroluminescence element and the second substrate,
wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption.

50. (Canceled)

51. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 49.

52. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 49.

53. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 49.

54. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 49.

55. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 49.

56. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 49.

57. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 49.

58. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 49.

59. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device comprising:
an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;
a second substrate opposed to the first substrate;
a drying agent having a porosity of 20% or more interposed between the electroluminescence element and the second substrate; and
a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

62. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

63. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

64. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

65. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

66. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

67. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

68. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

69. (Canceled)

70. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

71. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

72. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

73. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

74. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

75. (Canceled)

76. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

77. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

78. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

79. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

80. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

81. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device comprising:
an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;
a second substrate opposed to the first substrate;
a drying agent having a porosity of 20% or more interposed between the electroluminescence element and the second substrate; and
a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,
wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption, and
wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide.

82. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises Na_2O .

83. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises CaO .

84. (Canceled)

85. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 81.

86. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 81.

87. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 81.

88. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 81.

89. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 81.

90. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 81.

91. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 81.

92. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 81.